

**Amendments to the Claims**

1 (original): A low application temperature hot melt adhesive that is applied at or below 300°F and wherein the bonded adhesive heat stress value and the adhesive application temperature are separated by 110°F or less.

2 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 applied at or below 250°F and wherein the bonded adhesive heat stress value and the adhesive application temperature are separated by 100°F or less.

3 (original): The adhesive of claim 2 applied at or below 200°F and wherein the bonded adhesive heat stress value and the adhesive application temperature are separated by 100°F or less.

4 (currently amended): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein crystallization of the adhesive when analyzed by differential scanning calorimeter from application temperature to room temperature at a cooling rate of 150°C/min yields a time between initial cooling ~~a~~ and crystallization of 0.35 minutes or greater.

5 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 that is thermally stable at application temperature for a period of one hundred hours as indicated by a viscosity change within plus/minus ten percent of the original application viscosity.

6 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 further comprising an energy absorbing ingredient.

7 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 further comprising a fragrance.

8 (original): An article of manufacture comprising the adhesive of claim 1.

9 (original): The article of claim 8 wherein crystallization of the adhesive when analyzed by differential scanning calorimeter from application temperature to room temperature at a cooling rate of 150°C/min yields a time between initial cooling and crystallization of 0.35 minutes or greater and which is thermally stable at application temperature for a period of seventy two hours as indicated by a viscosity change within plus/minus ten percent of the original application viscosity.

10 (original): The article of claim 8 which is a carton, case, tray, bag or book.

11 (canceled)

12 (original): A packaged article contained within a carton, case, tray or bag, wherein the carton, case, tray or bag comprises the adhesive of claim 1.

13 (original): The packaged article of claim 12 which is a packaged food article.

14-21 (canceled)